# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

# ORDER OF NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Site Evaluation Committee for the State of New Hampshire shall conduct a public meeting and hearing on Monday, December 1, 2008, at 9 o'clock A.M. at the Offices of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, N.H. The Agenda for said Public Meeting and Hearing is as follows:

**AGENDA ITEM NO 1:** 

Docket No. 2008-02
Application of Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Concord Lateral Expansion Project

# **Adjudicative Proceedings**

The Committee shall conduct an adjudicative proceeding on the merits of the Application of Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Concord Lateral Expansion Project. At the conclusion of the adjudicative portion of the proceedings the Committee may proceed to deliberative session on the merits of the Application. This hearing is open to the public and is held pursuant to R.S.A. 162-H: 1 et. seq., R.S.A. 541-A and NEW HAMPSHIRE CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, SITE 202.01

### The Application

On April 22, 2008, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Applicant) filed an Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Concord Lateral Expansion Project (Application). The Application seeks a Certificate of Site and Facility (Certificate) for the construction and operation of an energy facility in Pelham, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire, consisting of a new 6,130 horsepower compression station on the Applicant's Line 200 system known as the Concord Lateral System (Lateral) in Pelham, Hillsborough County New Hampshire. The construction and operation of the compressor will allow the Applicant to provide an incremental 30,000 dekatherms per day of capacity to Energy North. The Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility also seeks approval of certain upgrades at the Applicant's existing Laconia Meter Station which is located in Concord, Merrimack County, New Hampshire (Meter Station) with piping modifications to accommodate the aforementioned additional capacity.

#### **Location of the Proposed Facilities**

The facilities are proposed to be located on private property located in Pelham, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire and Concord, Merrimack County, New Hampshire.

The aforementioned new compressor station will be located on a parcel of land identified by the Town of Pelham Tax Map as Lot 1-5-111 (map/parcel/lot). The Pelham location consists of 11.6 acres of which 4.2 acres will be fenced to contain the compressor building and required auxiliary buildings.

The upgrades at the Meter Station in Concord, New Hampshire, will occur at 17 Broken Bridge Road, Concord, New Hampshire. The Meter Station is an existing structure located within a fenced area in Concord, New Hampshire, and occupies .50 acres.

Various maps depicting the exact location of the components of the Concord Lateral Expansion Project are contained within the Application.

#### **Nature of the Proposed Facility**

The Applicant seeks a Certificate in order to construct and operate a new compressor station, designated as Station 270B1, in Pelham, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire on the Applicant's Line 270B-100. The compressor station shall consist of a 6,130 horsepower turbine driven centrifugal compressor unit fueled by natural gas that will be installed inside a new compressor building. Associated facilities that will also be constructed and operated by the Applicant include a filter separator, discharge gas cooler, and blow down silencer, control building, and an auxiliary building.

In order to accommodate the increased capacity created by the aforementioned compressor unit, the Applicant also plans to modify station piping at its existing Meter Station located in Concord, Merrimack County, New Hampshire. The existing Meter Station is comprised of 2 measuring facilities: the Concord measuring facility and the Laconia measuring facility. The Applicant proposes to replace a total of approximately 60 feet of existing 4" and 6" pipe from Line 273C-100 to the Laconia measuring facility with 12" pipe. Additionally, existing 6" piping within the meter station will be reconfigured and reconnected between Lines 273C-100 and 270B-100 to serve as a tie-over line to insure continuous service in the event of outages on the primary line.

#### **Parties to the Adversarial Proceedings**

The public will be represented in these proceedings by duly appointed Public Counsel, Peter C.L. Roth, Senior Assistant Attorney General. The parties to the adversarial proceedings are: the Applicant, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company represented by Donald Pfundstein and Gallagher Callahan & Gartrell. No other parties have sought to intervene in this Docket.

#### **Public Inspection**

The aforementioned Application and all other correspondence, filings and public records regarding this matter are available for public inspection at the office of the Chairman of the Committee located at the Department of Environmental Services, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, N.H. A copy of the Application is also available at the Pelham Town Offices. Portions of the Application and Docket in this matter are also available at <a href="http://nhsec.state.nh.us/current.htm">http://nhsec.state.nh.us/current.htm</a>.

#### **Public Comment**

At the commencement and conclusion of the hearing the Committee shall reserve time to hear comments from the public pertaining to the Application and the proposed facility. Written public comment may also be filed with the Committee on or before November 30, 2008, at the office of the Chairman of the Committee located at the Department of Environmental Services, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, N.H.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2:** 

# Docket No. 2008-05 Motion for Declaratory Ruling by Florida Power and Light Company Regarding Transmission Substation Reliability Upgrade

#### **Motion Review**

The Committee shall review a Motion for Declaratory Ruling filed by Florida Power and Light Company and may deliberate and rule on the merits of the motion or order further review.

#### The Motion

On October 22, 2008, Florida Power & Light Company filed a motion seeking a declaratory ruling from the Committee. The motion requests that the Committee determine that planned reliability upgrades to its 345 kV transmission substation located in Seabrook, Rockingham County, do not constitute a sizeable addition to the facility, and do not require a Certificate of Site and Facility.

#### The Proposed Upgrade

The proposed upgrade is scheduled to take place entirely within the existing footprint of the Seabrook Substation and is not projected to result in any increase in voltage carried by the transmission facilities. As part of the proposed upgrade, the reserve auxiliary transformers presently located at the Seabrook Substation will be relocated to connect to a dedicated terminal position. The existing generator step-up transformer

connections will also be relocated from the current position where they share a breaker and a half bay with the Seabrook-Scobie 363 line to a dedicated double breaker bay. In addition, five new gas insulated substation breakers will be installed: two will be replacements for existing breakers, and three will be new breakers. In addition, a new substation structure will be constructed which will be slightly taller than the existing substation structure. The estimated costs of the reliability upgrade project are between \$38 and \$44 million dollars. The Florida Power & Light Company wishes to commence construction on this project by March 1, 2009 so that construction will coincide with scheduled outages of the Seabrook Nuclear Power Station.

### **Public Inspection**

Additional details concerning the proposed project and all other correspondence, filings, and public records regarding this matter are available for public inspection at the Office of the Chairman of the Committee located at the Department of Environmental Services, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, New Hampshire. This Motion, or portions thereof, and other correspondence regarding this matter may also be available at http://nhsec.state.nh.us/current.htm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Old Business.

It is further ordered that a copy of this Order and Notice of Public Meeting shall be served, via first class mail, to each of the parties participating in each of the aforementioned dockets. Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company shall cause this Order of Notice of Public Hearing and Meeting to be published on or before November 12, 2008, in a newspaper of statewide circulation and also in newspapers of general circulation in Hillsborough County and in Merrimack County. Florida Power & Light Company shall cause this Order of Notice of Public Hearing and Meeting to be published on or before November 12, 2008, in a newspaper of general circulation in Rockingham County. Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company and Florida Power & Light Company shall file Affidavits attesting to said publication of notice with the Chairman of the Committee on or before November 19, 2008.

BY ORDER OF THE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE, this 4th day of November, 2008.

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee

Thomas S. Burack, Chairman